been installed in the country, including 44 MW under the demonstration programme and 306 MW by the private sector. Under the new Strategy and Action Plan, the target for the 8th Plan for wind power generation has been revised from 100 MW to 500 MW. While the budgetary allocations are being utilised for selected demonstration projects, the programme is mainly being implemented through private sector projects with mobilisation of resources from financial institutions, external assistance and private investments. The States have also been requested to set up suitable institutional arrangements and introduce attractive policies to encourage private participation.

Solar Photovoltaic Domestic Lights and Lanterns in Madhya Pradesh

7349. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to install solar photovoltaic domestic lights and lanterns in the villages of Madhya Pradesh in a big way during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government is implementing a Solar Photovoltaic (SPV) Programme in the country, including in the State of Madhya Pradesh. Under the Socially Oriented Scheme and Market Oriented Scheme of the SPV Programme, various Solar Photovoltaic Systems, such as solar lanterns, domestic lighting systems, and small village level power plants, etc. are being installed.

A project for the distribution of 5000 solar lanterns to the tribal beneficiaries is presently being implemented in Madhya Pradesh under the socially oriented scheme.

(c) Does not arise.

Dissemination of PFZ Information

7350. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what manner the dissemination of PFZ information was done in coastal areas;

(b) in what manner the data was validated; and

(c) in what manner this has benefited the coastal areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Potential Fishing Zone (PFZ) information is disseminated by National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad, through Fax/Telegrams to various fishermen co-operative societies and offices of Directorate of Fisheries of coastal States. Potential Fishing Zone information is also being published in some newspapers in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala. A series of meetings have been held with fishermen to apprise them of the utility of Potential Fishing Zone information.

(b) The data is validated by comparing the catch per unit effort in the PFZ area with that in the non-PFZ area.

(c) The information is beneficial for coastal fishermen who can reach the predicted PFZ area and thus reduce the search time for locating fish shoals.